



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

20th July 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

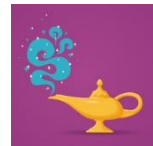
Welcome to the final Newsletter of the term.

Year 6 – Al, Al, Al, Al, Aladdin

The pupils of Year 6 gave us an amazing production this year. Their singing and acting was superb. Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to the Year 6 staff for their guidance and hard work.

Year 6 Leavers

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. As I said to them and their parents at the Leavers' Mass, they have achieved many successes. Their SATs results, which are attached, were very good and fully deserved. We believe they have received a good foundation here at St Martin's and will now go on to have many successes on their secondary school journey



Staff leaving us

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who are leaving us this week – Mrs Chiverton, Mrs Gittins, Miss Valerino and Mrs Davies. They have served the school with commitment and dedication and many of our children have benefitted from their expertise and care. We wish Mrs Chiverton and Mrs Gittins a long and happy retirement and Miss Valerino and Mrs Davies, good luck in their new positions.

Staff for St Martin's in September

I would like to give a warm St Martin's welcome to the new staff who are joining us in September. As Class Teachers we have Mrs Barrett, Miss Teevan and Miss Joseph. As Teaching Assistants we have Mrs Palmer and Mrs Mitchell. I hope they are all very happy here and enjoy their time in our school.

Dinner Money

We have been informed by Chartwells, who provide our school meals, that there will be a significant price increase for school dinners next term. They have faced rising costs from suppliers and have passed this cost onto us. Can I urge you to apply on line to Luton Borough Council to see whether your child is entitled to a free school meal?

Next half term

Per Day	£2.46
Per Week (5 days)	£12.30
Half Term (7 weeks)	£86.10

School Uniform

In September, children will be expected to be in school uniform every day. PE kits will need to be brought into school on a Monday and to go home on a Friday.

Here is a reminder of the uniform:

Key Stage 2: White shirt and tie, plain dark grey skirt (knee length, not tight three-quarter length) or trousers (straight legged school style, not the latest fashion), royal blue V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan, flat black shoes with heels less than 2cm. Tailored shorts can be worn by boys and girls, including culottes by the latter.

Key Stage 1/Foundation Stage: White polo shirt, plain dark grey skirt (knee length, not tight three-quarter length) or trousers (straight legged school style, not the latest fashion), royal blue V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan, flat black shoes with heels less than 2cm.

Socks, tights and hair ribbons should be plain and in one of the school colours of black, grey, white or royal blue.

Children should come to school in sensible flat shoes, not trainers or ankle boots and, in bad weather when Wellington boots are required, the flat shoes should be brought to wear indoors

In the summer term pupils may wear a white and blue checked dress (or a shirt and skirt combination) or continue to wear their winter uniform, or short grey trousers. Ties can be left off during the latter part of the summer term, once permission has been given by the Head Teacher.

Current fashions in shoes, clothing and hair should be avoided. Children's hair should be smart and tidy and long hair must be tied back using the school colours. Fashions involving patterns, or those similar to the mohican style, should be avoided.

PE Kit: Plimsolls, trainers from Year 1 to Year 6, white T-shirt (KS1 children round neck T Shirt / KS2 children round neck or polo shirt) and navy shorts (Bermuda/lycra/cycling shorts are not acceptable).

The PE Kit should be brought in each Monday morning, in a school PE bag which will hang on the child's peg and be left in school until Friday.

Between October half term and Easter, children may wear a plain navy blue/black tracksuit for outdoor lessons.

Health and Safety: Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, the only exception being for pupils with pierced ears who may wear one, plain, gold/silver round stud in an ear lobe, which must be removed for PE and swimming. Ringed sleepers or other earrings are not acceptable and, if they are worn to school, children will be asked to remove them. Children will not be allowed to take part in physical activities if wearing ear studs.

School Uniform Shop: School jumpers/cardigans, ties and bags are available from Prestige Design and Workwear – Unit 12 Barton Le Clay Industrial Estate, Barton Le Clay, Bedford, MK45 4RP –01582 883222. You can also access the shop online via the link on the schools website. All other items of school uniform can be purchased from

any supplier but please ensure these are in line with the attached School Uniform Policy. Please remember to name every piece of uniform.

School Times: (Change for September 2022)

The School Gates open at 8.30am for KS1 and KS2 and 8.40am for Reception children.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should be accompanied to school and line up with their class onto the KS1 playground. Children should be collected from the same place at the end of the day.

- Reception times: 8.40am–3.20pm (Mon-Thur), 8.40am–1.20pm (Fri).
- KS1 times: 8.30am-3.10pm (Mon-Thur), 8.30am – 1.10pm (Fri)
- KS2 times: 8.30am – 3.20pm (Mon-Thurs), 8.30am – 1.20pm (Fri)

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) children should arrive through their year group's allocated gate leading to the KS2 playground at 8.30am and be in class ready for lessons.

KS2 will be escorted to the KS2 playground at the end of the school day, where parents are to collect at 3.20pm, 1.20pm on a Friday.

Years 4 & 6 should arrive via the far end gate which leads onto the public path on Pastures Way.

Years 3 & 5 should arrive via the large playground gate, which leads onto the school car park.

Please remind your child/ren the importance of respect for other members of the public when lining up.

For children attending nursery all children should enter via the Yellow door near to the KS1 entrance.

Nursery times are as follows:

- Nursery 30 hour provision – 8.30am–3.30pm (Mon-Thur), 8.30am–12.30pm (Fri).
- Nursery AM session – 8.30am-11.30am (Mon-Fri).
- Nursery PM session– 11.45am-3.30pm (Mon-Thur, no Friday PM session).

Children arriving after these times are deemed as late and should be brought to the main school office to be registered and escorted to class. Persistent lateness will affect your child's attendance.

At the end of the school day, all children should be collected by an adult (over 16 years old) with the only exception for children in Yr6, where written parental consent to walk home has been received by the school.

On Fridays, the school will officially close at 1.20pm.

Please remember that school closes to children on Thursday 21st July and reopens for Years 1- 6 on Monday 5th September. Nursery & Reception on Monday 12th September.

I would just like to end by saying a huge thank you to all of the staff who have done such a fantastic job to make sure that your children have continued to receive a good education. I would also like to thank all of the Office staff, our Family Worker and Learning Mentor, TAs, cleaners, IT support, mid-day supervisors, Care Club staff and

our Site Agent, who have been behind the scenes making sure that the school has run smoothly.

Thank you to you as parents for the great job that you have done in supporting your children and for the kind words of encouragement that you have given to all of us here at St Martin's. It has been great to be able to welcome you back into school for so many events.

I hope that you have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

N. J. Morgan.

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Head Teacher

